



## **CITY OF PATASKALA**

### **COUNCIL MEETING**

**October 29, 2018**

The Council of the City of Pataskala met in special session on October 29, 2018 at 5:30 PM in City Hall, located at 621 W. Broad Street. The pledge of allegiance was given. Roll Call: Carter, Walther, Powell, Hayes, Hickin, and Lee-present. Barstow joined the meeting already in session. Law Director Brian M. Zets was present and Mayor Michael W. Compton presiding.

Mayor Compton stated, "The purpose of this meeting is to (1)) hold an Executive Session, pursuant to R.C. 121.22(G) (3), for a conference with an attorney, for the public body, concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending court action. Invited into the Executive Session will be BJ King , City Administrator, Brian Zets, Law Director, Alan Haines, Director of Public Services, and Scott Haines and (2) in open session, discuss the Licking Heights Local School District settlement agreement and potentially adopt legislation approving the same."

Melissa Carter recused herself from all discussions and actions regarding Licking Heights Schools due to her employment with the school.

Hickin made a motion to amend the agenda to reverse item numbers 6 and 7 on the agenda. Seconded by Walther. Roll Call: Walther, Powell, Hayes, Hickin, and Lee-yes. Mayor Compton declared the motion passed.

#### **Citizens Comments**

Rob Platte, Mike Fox, Jennie Antonio, Gina Daniels, and Dr. Philip Wagner addressed Council. These comments are available by audio recording through the Office of the Clerk of Council in accordance with the City's record retention schedule.

Hickin asked for the Law Director's guidance with regards to entering into Executive Session for the purpose stated.

Brian Zets, Law Director reviewed the status of the pending litigation and advised Council that he had no concerns regarding entering into Executive Session for the stated purpose.

Walther expressed his concerns and the Law Director answered his questions. Walther noted that he disagrees.

Hickin reviewed the process and purpose for entering into Executive Session and what would be discussed in open session.

Hickin made a motion to go into Executive Session Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code section 121.22(G) (3), for a conference with an attorney, for the public body, concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action. Invited into the Executive Session will be BJ King, City Administrator, Brian Zets, Law Director, Alan Haines, Director of Public Services, and Scott Haines, Consultant. Hickin also noted that Mrs. Carter will not be going into Executive Session because she has recused herself. Seconded by Powell. Roll Call: Walther-no, Powell-yes, Barstow-yes, Hayes-yes, Hickin-yes, and Lee-yes. Mayor Compton declared the motion passed.

Council entered into Executive Session at 6:02 PM.

Hickin made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Lee. Roll Call: Powell, Barstow, Hayes, Hickin, Lee, and Walther-yes. Mayor Compton declared the motion passed.

Council returned to open session at 9:16 PM.

Hickin announced two Councilmembers walked out of the Executive Session for reasons personal to them and that no action would be taken this evening and apologized to all that waited expecting action to be taken.

Lee also apologized to all that waited so long.

Powell also apologized to all that waited so long.

Barstow declined to participate in the process and noted that he must protect his law license.

Hickin made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Lee. Roll Call: Barstow, Hayes, Hickin, Lee, Walther, and Powell-yes. Mayor Compton declared the motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned.

Minutes approved November 5, 2018

ATTEST:

  
Kathy M. Hoskinson, Clerk of Council

  
Timothy Hickin, Council President